

CITY OF MARKESAN COMMON COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 10, 2015

MINUTES

1. Preliminaries

- 1.1 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rich Slate at 7:02 pm.
- 1.2 Present were Ald. Abendroth, Ald. Bieszki, Ald. Henke, Mayor Slate, Ald. Thiem, Ald. Triemstra, Ald. Zastrow, Clerk-Treasurer Athorp and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Heiling. Also present was Scott Mundro, Troy and Amy Zacharias from Action Appraisers and four members of the public.
- 1.3 No citizen's comments.

2. Approval & Review of Minutes, Reports & Correspondence

- 2.1 After review, motion Bieszki/Abendroth to approve the Oct. 13, 2015, Common Council minutes as presented; carried 6-0.
- 2.2 - 2.6 After review of all items, motion Bieszki/Triemstra to approve the October Police Report & November Schedule, Finance, Personnel & Safety Committee minutes of Oct. 29, 2015 (Committee of the Whole) and Nov. 3, 2015; Public Property & Health minutes of Nov. 3, 2015; and Streets, Building & Utilities minutes of Nov. 3, 2015, as presented; and to accept the Markesan Library Board minutes of Sept. 17, 2015; carried 6-0.

3. Approval of Claims:

- 3.1 The Finance, Personnel & Safety Committee reviewed City and Utility checks and recommended approval to the Council. Motion Henke/Triemstra to approve the following vouchers as presented: City Checks #33076-33116, electronic payments #W165-W173, and direct deposits #247-248 in the amount of \$171,421.06, and Utility Checks #11534-11547 in the amount of \$20,177.17; carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 3.2 After review, by consensus the October 2015 Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

4. Old Business.

- 3.1 Troy and Amy Zacharias introduced themselves with Action Appraisers, and were available to answer questions regarding their services.
- 3.2 Preliminary information regarding the 2017 Water/Sewer/Street Project Study & Preliminary Plan Design was provided to the Council.

5. New Business.

- 5.1 Following discussion, motion Bieszki/Abendroth to approve payment in the amount of \$78,544.25 to Stark Pavement Corp. for Caroline, Hollander and Bridge St. and W. Vista Blvd road repairs; carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 5.2 Following discussion, motion Bieszki/Triemstra to approve an invoice for W. Vista Blvd asphalt patch be sent to Dan Gelinsky in the amount of \$1,089.00; carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 5.3 Following discussion, motion Abendroth/Triemstra to approve a 3% Water/Sewer rate increase effective Jan. 1, 2016; carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 5.4 Following discussion, motion Abendroth/Henke to approve the new city logo as presented (see attachment #1); carried 6-0.
- 5.5 Following discussion, motion Abendroth/Triemstra to approve the renewal of the general liability, property, and workers comp with EMC Insurance; carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. Purchase of cyber insurance was referred back to Finance Committee.
- 5.6 Following discussion, motion Bieszki/Zastrow to approve Lizbeth Perez application for rental of the lower level City Hall for a six month lease with a thirty day notice provision; carried 6-0.

- 5.7 Following discussion, motion Henke/Triemstra to approve a 2% salary increase for all full time employees, the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and ¾ Time Police Officer effective Jan. 1, 2016; carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.
- 5.8 Following lengthy review, motion Henke/Triemstra to authorize employee dental insurance, at employee expense on a pre-tax basis, effective Jan. 1, 2016; carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. Motion Triemstra/Bieszki to cap health insurance premiums for employees with more than 20 years of service at the average of all employees current year's premiums or last year's individual premium, whichever is less, with approval of the City attorney; carried 5-1 with Henke against. Motion Bieszki/Abendroth to provide an annual HRA benefit of \$1,000/single, \$2,000/family and to allow rollover of 50% of unused HRA funds up to a lifetime limit of \$10,000.00; carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. Motion Bieszki/Abendroth to send health insurance non-participation benefit back to Finance, Personnel & Safety Committee for further review; carried 5-1 with Henke against. Motion Bieszki/Abendroth to conduct employee insurance informational meeting during regular business hours; carried 6-0.
- 5.9 Upon review, motion Thiem/Triemstra to grant an operator's license to Callie Bender and Gary Piotter, pending receipt of all necessary paperwork, for the period ending June 30, 2016; carried 6-0.
- 5.10 Upon review, motion Thiem/Abendroth to grant a Soda Water license to Firehaus BBQ, for the period ending June 30, 2016; carried 6-0.

6. Schedule Future Committee Meetings and Agenda Items. The following meetings were scheduled: 2016 Budget Hearing – Nov. 23, 2015, 6:30pm; Public Property & Health – Dec. 1, 2015, 6:30pm; Streets, Building & Utilities – Dec. 1, 2015, immediately following the Public Property & Health Meeting; Finance, Personnel & Safety Committee – Dec. 3, 2015, 7:30pm; The Council requested the following items be placed on a future agenda: none.

7. Adjournment. Motion Zastrow/Triemstra to adjourn; carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lavonne Athorp, City Clerk-Treasurer